

and Business Administration, and earned a law degree from Harvard University. At every level Joe excelled and even as a young man, he was always the one person that others looked up to as a leader.

After serving 2 decades at the helm of Alabama Power, Mr. Farley took over the nuclear energy division of the Southern Company—Alabama Power's parent company.

His advocacy of nuclear energy could not have come at a more important time for the nuclear industry and he instantly became known around the country as one of the pre-eminent experts on the subject. He was responsible for the construction of the nuclear power facility near Dothan, Alabama which bears his name. Even today, the Farley Nuclear Plant remains an example of how productive and efficient nuclear power can be used in generating electricity.

A former president of the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Farley was also inducted in the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

A highly regarded family man and member of the board of the Alabama Children's Hospital Foundation, Joe Farley was truly a credit to our state and his loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Madam Speaker, our sincere condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.

#### HONORING JOHNNY DENIZ

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Johnny Deniz on being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2010 Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Deniz will be recognized at the annual Senior Farmer Dinner on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

Mr. Johnny Deniz was born on July 24, 1931 in Madera, California. At the age of 18, he began his farming career. During his 60 years of farming, he has grown almonds, cling peaches, nectarines, plums, table grapes, wine grapes, tomatoes, cotton, prunes and alfalfa. Throughout his career, Mr. Deniz has owned and operated farms of all sizes, ranging from 450 acres to 2,000 acres.

Mr. Deniz's legacy in Madera County agriculture has been his contribution toward protecting the county's water supplies, including fighting for historic water rights and federal contracts. Mr. Deniz has appeared before Congressional committees, as well as state and local water jurisdictions, as an expert on Madera County water rights. His honesty, integrity and knowledge in representing agriculture in the county and the Central San Joaquin Valley will continue to benefit future farming generations for years to come.

Outside of the farm, Mr. Deniz has served on the board of the Madera Irrigation District for over 20 years, and on the boards of the Friant Water Users Authority and the Association of California Water Agencies. He also served on the board and was chairperson of LAID-CWD Power Authority. Mr. Deniz has been a member of the Madera County Farm

Bureau and Western Growers for 25 years, and the Almond Tree Huller and the California Association of Wine Growers for 15 years. He is the co-owner of Madera Pumps, Inc. Mr. Deniz also serves on the Saint Joachim's School Board. For his service, Mr. Deniz has been recognized by the Future Farmers of America, and has received the "Recognition of Service" award from the Madera Irrigation District and the Association of California Water Agencies.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Johnny Deniz on being named the Made Chamber of Commerce 2010 Senior Farmer of the Year. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Deniz many years of continued success.

#### BIPARTISAN YUCCA MOUNTAIN SUPPORT

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Senator PATTY MURRAY of Washington State for bringing attention to the need to reinstate funding for Yucca Mountain. This critical issue involves a \$10 billion investment and a 23 year bipartisan agreement. I applaud Senator MURRAY for introducing an amendment to protect taxpayers' investment by reinstating funding for Yucca Mountain.

America must remain committed to lessening our dependence on foreign oil. We should promote nuclear energy that is a clean and cost-effective energy source. However, in order to keep nuclear energy safe, we need a secure, permanent place to dispose of it. And that place should be Yucca Mountain.

I agree with the Charleston Post and Courier that closing Yucca Mountain is "breath-takingly irresponsible." I also appreciate the Aiken Standard's Mike Gellatly for highlighting the bipartisan support of this issue and Senator MURRAY's amendment.

There is clear bipartisan support from the Aiken County Council, South Carolina's Attorney General Henry McMaster, the entire South Carolina delegation, and now Democrats questioning leadership of the Senate.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

#### JUDGE DONALD SHAVER

#### HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Donald Shaver who will retire from the court in August 2010.

Judge Shaver began his legal career in private practice with Diehl, Steinheimer, Riggio, Haydel and Mordaunt in 1981. He continued private practice in 1982 with the firm, Calone and Roster in Modesto. He entered into the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office as a homicide attorney where he remained for 7 years.

Judge Shaver was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court of California, County of Stanislaus, in 1990. He served on the Superior Court and Municipal Court Consolidation Committee from 1996–1998. During this time he was elevated to the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus.

Judge Shaver demonstrates leadership through many avenues including his recent activities as section liaison to the ABA Coalition for Justice and co-chair to the ABA Section of International Law, International Criminal Law Committee. In 2006, Judge Shaver was the first American judge to work with the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Judge Shaver is highly respected by a broad segment of the justice system based on his honesty, integrity and sense of fair play.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judge Donald Shaver for his efforts and dedication to the Superior Court of California and the County of Stanislaus.

#### YAISANI NAMVONG

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yaisani Namvong who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yaisani Namvong is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yaisani Namvong is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels that strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Yaisani Namvong for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING CHERYL A. THOMPSON FOR HER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend the exemplary public service of Cheryl A. Thompson, who recently retired as vice president of the Mobile Division of Alabama Power.

As each of us has personally realized during times of stormy weather, there are few things that we depend upon more than electricity. For more than a decade, the person who was saddled with the immense responsibility of keeping the power on for more than 200,000 households and businesses in southwest Alabama has been Cheryl Thompson.

Madam Speaker, the Gulf Coast is no stranger to bad weather and we've had our